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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE TELL FAHMY FOR HIS AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S INFORMATION THAT, AS THEY HAVE URGED, I TOOK INITIATIVE TO HAVE MEETING IN NEW YORK TODAY WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MUTI, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PERMREP ASHTAL. MUTI REQUESTED THAT MEETING BE OFF-THE-RECORD, AND WE ARE THEREFORE SAYING NOTHING ABOUT IT TO THE PRESS.

2. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT I EXPLAINED OUR OVERALL APPROACH TO A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, EMPHASIZING OUR DETERMINATION TO MAKE CONTINUING PROGRESS AND STRESSING THAT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO DIVIDE ARAB WORLD. I DESCRIBED EGYPT'S POLICY AS SERVING THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE ARABS. MUTI SPOKE POSITIVELY OF PDRY'S HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND WAS SUPPORTIVE OF RECENT SINAI AGREEMENT. I ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO URGE MODERATION IN PDRY'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS TOWARDS ITS NEIGHBORS.

3. ON QUESTION OF US-PDRY RELATIONS, MUTI INDICATED DESIRE TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS AND SUGGESTED THAT U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD FIRST VISIT PDRY TO PREPARE THE WAY. WE AGREED ON A TENTATIVE
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TIMETABLE WHEREBY SUCH A DELEGATION WOULD GO TO ADEN IN

DECEMBER WITH RESTORATION OF RELATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN JANUARY, THOUGH FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THERE COULD BE
SOME SLIPPAGE IN THIS SCHEDULE. PLEASE TELL FAHMY THAT
WE SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT AS GOOD EXAMPLE OF CLOSE US-EGYPTIAN
COLLABORATION AND APPRECIATE EFFORTS HIS GOVERNMENT HAS
MADE TO PREPARE THE WAY, INCLUDING OBTAINING RECENT
RELEASE OF TWO AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN ADEN.

4. GIVEN MARWAN'S ROLE IN RELEASE OF AMERICANS AND
CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS WITH PDRY, YOU WILL WANT TO
CONSIDER HOW TO ALSO BRING HIM INTO THE PICTURE.
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